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AT LAST—
THE ORIGIN OF
PROTO MAN



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ON THE
HIT VIDEO
GAME
SERIES!**

Oil Man	COMPLETED
Tuna Man	COMPLETED
Rock	MISSING
Rock	COMPLETED
Rock	COMPLETED
Carl Man	COMPLETED
Gary Man	COMPLETED
Ice Man	COMPLETED
Donk Man	COMPLETED
Rex Man	COMPLETED
Eric Man	COMPLETED



SEE? I WAS CLEANING UP THE DATABASE AND FOUND THIS. IS IT AN ERROR?

“SIGH” THAT’S NOT AN ERROR, BOCK. BLUE WAS YOUR OLDER BROTHER.

REALLY? WHERE IS HE? WHEN DO WE GET TO MEET HIM?

I’M SORRY, BUT I’M AFRAID YOU’LL NEVER GET TO MEET BLUE’S.

HE WAS MY FIRST TEACHER, AND MY GREATEST FAILURE...



I DON’T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED?

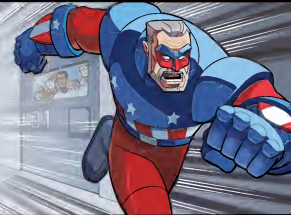


IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO. I WAS YOUNGER ... MORE NAIVE ... AND JUST BEGINNING MY LIFE’S WORK.





NEW CRUSADERS



NEW BATTLES.



...BLUE\$!

...HELLO?

WELCOME INTO THE WORLD, MY BOY! I'M YOUR CREATOR... DOCTOR LIGHT!

HOW DO YOU FEEL? YOUR SELF-DIAGNOSTIC SHOULD'VE KICKED IN FIRST THING.

I FEEL FINE! ALL SYSTEMS REPORT NOMINAL.

I FEEL... CONFUSED, OVERWHELMED, DIS-ORIENTED. I KNOW WE ARE IN THE "PLAZA" AND WHAT A "LAB" IS, BUT... WHY?

DO YOU HEAR THIS, ALBERT? HE'S SELF-AWARE! NOT FIVE MINUTES ONLINE AND HE'S ALREADY THINKING META-PHYSICALLY!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW, YOU'RE TAKING THE FIRST STEPS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN HUMANITY AND ROBOTICS.

WEAPONS?

YOU HAVE DATA, BUT WHAT YOU NEED NOW IS CULTURE!

AHH-AHH, DON'T MIND ME, JUST TAKING THE MEASUREMENTS YOU'LL NEED FOR THE WEAPON UPGRADES LATER. YOU'RE WELCOME, BY THE WAY.



"IN RETROSPECT,
I WAS TOO ENTRE-
PUSING. I PLANNED
TOO MUCH OF THE
WORK—OF MY OWN
DEALS—ON HER. AT
ONE'S, BUT HE
SEEMED TO BE
ACCEPTING IT ALL
SO WELL..."



"UNFORTUNATELY
THIS WAS ALSO
WHEN I DISCOVERED
A CRITICAL FLAW IN
MY PLANS FOR
MILITARY RESEARCH.

"WITHOUT IT, I
WOULD NEVER
HAVE BEEN ABLE
TO CONSTRUCT
BILLY. HOWEVER,
MY BOMBFACTORS
WANTED SOME-
THING TO SHOW
FOR THEIR BOMB-
BONTS 30..."

REMEMBER YOUR
PROGRAMMING.
HIT-AND-RUN DON'T
BE RECKLESS. ACK
YOUR TARGETS.
WISELY DON'T FOR-
GET TO USE YOUR
COVER TO YOUR
ADVANTAGE...

RELAX.

I'VE
GOT
THIS.

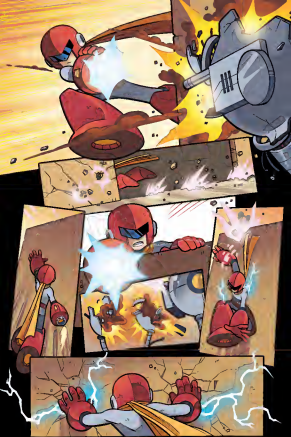
BA-BOOM
3-0000 AFTER-
NOON, GENTLEMEN.
TODAY'S DEMON-
STRATION IS OF
LIGHT LAB'S AUTON-
OMOUS COMBAT
ROBOT, MODEL
NUMBER GUN-000.

TODAY YOU WILL
SEE HOW A ROBOT
CAN BE CAPABLE
OF INDE-
PENDENT THOUGHT.
LIGHT LABS HOPES
TO BRING THE SAME
CAPABILITIES TO THE
CIVILIAN SECTOR ONE
DAY. BUT FIRST WE
WILL DEMONSTRATE
THE VERSATILITY AND
SPEED THIS ROBOT CAN
PERFORM IN A...IN
A LIVE-FIRE EX-
ERCISE. FUTURE
MODELS WILL
ALLOW FOR MILITARY
OPERATIONS
WITH NO RISK TO
HUMAN LIFE.

NEW CRUSADERS



NEW EVIL



EVERYTHING WAS GOING SO WELL. WHAT HAPPENED, DOCTOR?

THERE SEEMS TO BE AN IMBALANCE IN HIS POWER GENERATOR. LET'S NEVER BEEN PUT UNDER THIS KIND OF STRAIN...

YOU DIDN'T TEST IT FIRST?

OF COURSE I DID!

BUT EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM IS UNIQUE—EXPERIMENTAL. A ROBOT THIS ADVANCED REQUIRES A TENDENTIOUS AMOUNT OF POWER, AND WHEN THE OUTPUT DEMAND IS PUSHED...

IT CERTAINLY SHOWS PROMISE, BUT THE POWER-FAILURE IS A CONCERN.

YES, A SIMPLER MODEL WOULD REQUIRE LESS POWER. A SIMPLER BATTLE SOFTWARE SUITE WOULD STILL BE SUFFICIENT.

CONGRATULATIONS, DOCTOR. YOU'VE WON US OVER. WE'LL CLEAR YOU FOR FURTHER RESEARCH FUNDING. GET BACK TO US WHEN YOU'VE GOT A SMALLER, SIMPLER MODEL.

Y-YES, SIR. THANK YOU...

"BUT THAT
WASN'T MY
REAL FAE-
LIFE WITH
BLUES..."

WAS
DOCTOR
LIGHT?

ABSOLUTELY
NOT!





"THAT NIGHT... WELL, I CAN'T BE CERTAIN IF THIS IS HOW IT PLAYED OUT, BUT I'VE RUN THE SCENARIO OVER AND OVER, AGAIN IN MY HEAD...

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND NOBLE. IT'S TO SAVE HIS LIFE!

YOU CODED THE CLOSEST THING TO A KEY OF HIS OWN, AND YOU DON'T EXPECT HIM TO USE IT?

OF COURSE, AND I WANT HIM TO, BUT I WANT HIM TO MAKE GOOD LOGICAL DECISIONS.

FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, HE THINKS HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER, DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO'S LOGICAL WHEN FACING THEIR OWN MORTALITY?

I HATE GETTING INTO DEBATES WITH YOU!

YOU CALLED ME FOR MY DAZZLING INSIGHT OR WAS IT JUST TO COMPLAIN ABOUT YOUR BOY?

IN PART TO FOREWARN YOU IF YOU'RE STILL PLANNING ON BUILDING... "TEMPOR" WAS IT?

HONESTLY, IT WOULD BE EASIER IF I COULD WRITE THAT REBELIOUS STREAK OUT OF HIM...





I NEVER HEARD OF OR
SAW HIM AGAIN. MY PRIDE,
MY ARROGANCE, MY LACK
OF FORE-SIGHT... THEY
ROBBED ME OF MY FIRST
CREATION... MY FIRST SON.



WELL, THEN, WE CAN GO
LOOK FOR HIM! ME AND
RUSH CAN START LOOKING
RIGHT NOW!



NEW, NO, ROCK, BILLBO'S
POWER GENERATOR
WOULD'VE GONE OFFLINE
BY NOW, IT RAINS ME TO SAY
IT, BUT HE'S GONE.

"ALTHOUGH THERE
ARE LONG NIGHTS
WHERE I WONDER
WHAT HAPPENED TO
HIM AFTER HE LEFT..."



DOCTOR LIGHT
MAY BE LEFT TO
WONDER-- BUT
YOU AREN'T!
COME BACK NEXT
TIME FOR THE
REST OF BLUES'S
STORY ON HIS
ROAD TO BECOMING
PROTO MAN!

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HEY! WITH DOG
COULDA PICKED
A NICER DAY
FOR A VISIT

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THIS ISN'T
JUST A
FRIENDLY VISIT
GUYS. MAN,
I'VE COME TO
BRING YOU
SOME HELP
TO FINISH THE
DAM.

HELP?!

DON'TCHA THINK
YOU'VE GOTTING A
BIT PRECIPITAT-
TIOUS, DOG?

GRANTED, I DID
JUMP AHEAD IN
MY CONCEPT
NOTES, BUT...

WOI! I MEAN
I'M GUY
A MAN! I DON'T
NEED NO HELP
FINISHING
THIS DAM!

MEET OUN-OUN
OR, AS I LIKE TO
CALL HIM,
CONCRETE MAN

UNDER OPTIMUM CIRCUMSTANCES, YES. BUT THE RAIN IS UNSEASONABLY HEAVY, AND THE TOWN DOWNSTOWN COULD BE DESTROYED IN A FLASH FLOOD. YOU NEED THE EXTRA HELP TO FINISH EARLY, SO I EXPECT YOU TO KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT!

I... BUT... YES, SIR.

SO YOU KNOW HOW TO BUILD STUFF?

I WAS BUILT FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, YA BIG LUG. SO IF YEA DONE HANGING AROUND LIKE A LAZY MET, LET'S GET TO WORK!

WAZZAZ!

AND SO...

HOW'S THE SEALANT COMING? DO I NEED TO SLOW DOWN SO YOU CAN KEEP UP?

AND...!

WHOOPIE! CLUMBY ME!

AND THEN...!

WHOOPIE! CLUMBY YOU!

LITTLE
FINALLY

**YOU
WANT A
PIECE
OF ME,
TOUGH
GUY?**

UH OH...

**YOU SURE
YOU CAN
HOLD ALL
THAT?**

**I'LL
KEEP IT
STANDING!**

**YOU
SEAL
THE
LEAKS!**

**DON'T MATTER IF I
CAN... I'M GONNA
WON'T LET MY TENDER
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
ALL THE HUMANS LOSING
THEIR HOMES!**

**YEAH, WELL, I
SHOULD'VE LET
YOU LEASE A LIDE
AND FOCUSSED ON
THE JOB, ALMOST
DONE!**



OW NO IT DON'T!
GET TOP-SIDE AND
GET READY TO
SET A STONE!

YOU
GOT IT!



HHHR
AUGH!



NICE,
WORK. MAC
I SEE WHY
THEY CALL
YOU "GUTS
MAN!"

THANKS,
DAD, BUT
WE'RE NOT
DONE YET!
AFTER A JOB'S
DONE COMES
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
TIME OF THE
DAY.



LATER...

GUTS
MANY
CONCRETE
MANS?

THE DAM
LOOKS GREAT
BUT WHERE
DID THEY
GO??

...DON'T FORGET!
THE BRAND NEW SKYYYY IN
THOSE DAZZLING EYES.
WE GO ON A BRAND NEW
WAAAAAAAAAAAY!
AGAIN WE WALK ONNN!

END



NEXT ISSUE

PROTO-TYPE
PART 2

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MEGA-MAIL

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Dear Mega-Mail,

You guys are awesome when it comes to putting the Mega Man franchise together! I've been collecting your comics ever since the start and I'm loving it.

That's what we like to hear! And trust us, it only gets cooler from here!

You have really inspired me since I'm an artist myself. I'm 16 years old and really love how *Spin* drew those first four comic books. Keep up the good work!

I'll pass your compliments along to Mr. Spaniards himself! Spin will be back this spring as cover artist for the Mega-event we've got coming up! Stay tuned for more announcements, Mega-People!

Now I'm just waiting for Blues to show up in the new story!

Your friend,
Bubba J.
 from Tennessee

Thanks, Bubba! Hope you enjoyed Blues debut — come on back next month for part 2!

Dear Mega Mail,

I just wanted to say this series has been amazing. Every issue has been perfect and it would be interesting to see a Mega Man Legends Spin-off.

Ann H.
 sent to MegaMail@archiecomics.com

Thanks, Ann! A "Legend spin-off," eh? Sounds cool to me!

Dear Mega-Mail,

This comic is awesome. I was really hooked when I first heard about it and I'm still reading it since issue 1. The stories are really good. My favorite story arc is The Return of Dr. Wily.

Available now in Graphic Novel whenever the books are sold! pluggpluggplugg!

So far seeing new characters (like Quake Woman) that are not from the games is really cool. Also Proto Man is one of my favorite characters. I was wondering if we will see story arcs with more Quake Women and maybe some with Proto Man in them?

How do you like THAT for service — you've got a Proto Man story in this very issue! As for Quake Woman, you will see her again VERY soon, as we love her too :)

If so, AWESOME! If not, that's okay it's still an awesome comic anyway. Keep up the good work!

Your fan from Ontario
Canada

Your wish is our command, but we listen to all the Mega-fans out there who have thoughts on the series, which is partly why you get not one but TWO stories in this issue! Changing things up a bit will give us more opportunities to focus on different characters

from throughout the Mega Man universe.

Dear Mega-Mail,

I am thoroughly enjoying the new Mega Man comic series. Keep it up!

Will do!

I really like the personalities of the Robot Masters — Flash Man is hilarious. I hope more personality will be given to Magnet Man, and that it will be similar to how he is interpreted in that song. "Don't Mess With Magnet Man."

I think you'll be very "attracted" to upcoming issues!

Is there a chance the series will have a spin off comic? A series that focuses on the different time-lines of the Mega man universe?

That's a neat idea! Perhaps one day!

One more thing I am looking forward to Mega Man's future crossover with Sonic.

- AT
 from Louisiana

Thanks! We're super psyched too! Keep reading for future updates on all the action!

That's all for this month, see everyone back here for the conclusion of "Proto-Type" in the very next issue! Same Mega-time, same Mega-comic!

NEXT ISSUE: 18



PROTO-TYPE

Part Two

THE CONCLUSION OF
PROTO-TYPE
 REVEALS SECRETS OF THE
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 AFTER 16 DAYS OF LOCKY
 AND IT'S FINALLY YOUR MOMENT
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